

ARCHIBALD T. JAMES, THEATRE TICKET MAN, ENDS LIFE WITH SHOT

Son Finds Body in Quaker City Motor Club After Parent Had Been Missing All Night

LEFT NO CLUE TO REASON



Photo by Photo Crafters. A. T. JAMES

Archibald T. James, widely known as proprietor of hotel agencies for the sale of theatre tickets, was found dead early today in the headquarters of the Quaker City Motor Club in a South Broad street hotel, of which institution he was one of the founders. He had shot himself through the head.

The discovery of the body was made by Mr. James' son, the failure of the father to return to his home, 1324 Ritter street, last night, alarmed his wife and children and search was made at Mr. James' offices and other places.

The son, in the course of his inquiries, visited the Motor Club headquarters. Passing the bathroom he noticed a body lying on the floor, and then discovered it was that of his father. Mr. James had been dead several hours. No one heard the shot, of which institution he was one of the founders. He had shot himself through the head.

When Mr. James' body was found, it was lying in a bathtub which was partly filled with water. It was clad only in underclothing. Mr. James' outer attire being found neatly folded on a chair. The bullet which caused death had entered the left temple, passed through the brain and out the right side of the head.

According to Ralph James, who found the body, his father had suffered financial losses lately as the result of some early investments in an outside business. These reverses may have furnished the motive for suicide, the son said, although his father was in cheerful mood when last seen last night.

Mr. James was about 60 years old. Several years ago he engaged in the cigar business, later establishing his theatre ticket agency in connection with his stands, which were in the Colonnade and Walton Hotels and the Lincoln Building.

Mr. James was an early patron of automobile racing, and was one of the promoters of the Fairmount Park automobile contests. He was one of the organizers of the Quaker City Motor Club.

CONTRIVERSY OVER RACES. Mr. James' activities on behalf of the club, of which he had been president, involved him in a controversy six years ago with the Fairmount Park Commissioners over the automobile races then conducted by the club within the park limits. Dr. J. William White, who died recently, was foremost in the opposition to the races, and with his fellow-Commissioners finally overcame the efforts of Mr. James and his associates to continue these contests. In this fight Mr. James was supported by many prominent motorists beyond the membership of the club.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed. Deputy Coroner Waldin gave permission for the removal of the body to an undertaking establishment. Mrs. James, with three sons and five daughters, comprise the immediate family. Mr. James was a Mason and left home yesterday ostensibly to visit the rooms of the Point or Polaris Club, a Masonic organization, adjoining the Motor Club headquarters.

CENSUS OF MEXICANS HERE

Consul Says It Has No Bearing on International Situation

Mexican consuls in this and other cities are starting a census of Mexican citizens. An advertisement requesting all Mexicans to report to the consul in this city, Jose H. Lopez, 411 South Broad street, and be registered by him.

Mr. Lopez explained today that the request had no bearing on the international situation between this country and Mexico. He said the order was issued in compliance with the Mexican regulation which compels all recently appointed consuls to take a census of Mexican citizens in whatever cities they may be stationed. He added that he would ask the co-operation of the Postoffice Department in order to reach Mexicans living in interior points.

Jersey Guardsmen Prepare for Camp. Officers of the 1st Regiment, N. G. N. J., are making preparations for their camp of instruction at Sea Girt from June 19 to 24. A rigid routine of duty will be demanded from the guardsmen, including tactical walks, study of topography, drawing, troop distribution and other problems.

FOUR HURT BY AUTOS

Three Motorcyclists and One Boy Injured in Sunday Motor Accidents

Four persons, three of them motorcyclists, were victims of automobile accidents yesterday in Philadelphia and vicinity. B. H. Day, 21 years old, and Paul Gabriel, 19 years old, both of Wilmington, were run down in Sharon Hill. Day suffered concussion of the brain and Gabriel a broken leg. They are at the Taylor Hospital, Ridley Park.

Thomas Sacco, 19 years old, of West Berlin, while riding a motorcycle in Camden, was struck by a jitney belonging to E. L. Elbertson, of Berlin. Wesley Egbert, 12 years old, of 112 North 32d street, Camden, was struck by an automobile belonging to Joseph Rohen, of Moorestown, in Camden. The boy's leg was broken. Sacco's injuries were slight.

THRILLS FOR AD MEN IN PARADE PROMISED BY DAUNTLESS "JACK"

Hassler Says He'll Present Some Antics on Bill Penn's Hand That Will Open Eyes

SEARCHLIGHTS FEATURE

Human Fly to Throw "Snow" From Penn Statue on Ad Men

One of the thrills of the advertising pageant on the evening of June 26 will be a confetti shower from the hands of a steeplejack, who will stand on the fingertips of the statue of William Penn on City Hall tower. The steeplejack will perform perilous stunts way up in the air while the Ad Men are marching around City Hall down Broad street.

The body of the steeplejack will be thrown in bold relief by the glare of three powerful searchlights stationed on the roofs of nearby skyscrapers. City Hall tower will be illuminated so it will be visible for a distance of 20 miles.

"Jack" Hassler, steeplejack, will stand on the finger tips of the statue of William Penn, City Hall tower, and throw confetti on the advertising pageant on the evening of June 26.

Hassler will climb to the finger tips of the big statue when the advertising pageant starts on Broad avenue at 8 p. m. He will wave two silken American flags as the city's greeting to the visiting admen. Then when the procession makes the turn around City Hall he will lay aside the Stars and Stripes and toss handfuls of confetti on the marchers.

The figure of the steeplejack will be seen clearly as it is bathed in the powerful rays of three searchlights—one on the roof of John Wanamaker's store, the second on the roof of the Commercial Trust Building and the third on the roof of the United Gas Improvement Company skyscraper.

Hassler says he will use no harness in making the perilous trip to the finger tips of the William Penn statue.

"Harness," he said, "would interfere with the movements of my arms."

NOT A BIT AFRAID. "Are you not afraid that you will fall?" he was asked.

"Not a bit of it," he replied. "Why, I'd rather stand on the good honest hand of old Bill Penn than do the one-step on a ballroom floor."

"If there is any hat in the line I may do a little entertaining for the marchers on the side. Maybe the crowd would like to see me shimmy down a rope to the observation platform. Nobody's ever done it, but I guess I can. Anyway, I can try it. I am going to show those advertising fellows some real thrills in the advertising line. In other words, I'm going to give 'em a few honest-to-goodness thrills."

VISIBLE FOR 20 MILES

Four hundred bulbs will be used in a system of "beaming" the light of City Hall tower will be visible in a radius of 15 or 20 miles.

Keen rivalry is expected between the various marching clubs which will participate in the pageant. The Poor Richard Club and the Associates of Poor Richard will make a strong bid to carry off marching orders. For several weeks the Poor Richard Regiment Armory under the instruction of officers of the National Guard of Pennsylvania. Many of them are getting so they can march like regulars.

CAUGHT IN CHASE OVER ROOFS

Woman Grapples With Thief in Room. "Cops" to the Rescue

After an exciting chase over the roofs of houses for a block last night the police captured Rocco Silco, who is charged with burglary.

Silco, it is alleged, entered the home of Mrs. Frank Dirardo, 1926 South 6th street, and, when discovered rifling the bureau drawers on the second floor, attacked her with a stiletto. Her screams, however, brought Mitchell and Ford, policemen of the 7th and Carpenter streets station. In the meantime Silco disappeared through the trapdoor leading to the roof. Mitchell and Ford following a few seconds later, Silco endeavored to hide behind a chimney, but struck light when he found out that he was detected. Mrs. Dirardo was uninjured.

Silco was held under \$600 bail for court this morning by Magistrate Coward.

Man Killed by Trolley Car

Peter Basilevsky, 63 years old, was struck by a trolley car as he was crossing 16th and Wood streets to his home at 1712 Carlton street, a square away. Both of the man's legs were cut off. He was rushed to the Hahnemann Hospital, but the loss of blood was so great that he died shortly before noon.



JEAN WEBSTER

JEAN WEBSTER DIES

Author of "Daddy Longlegs" and Stories for Girls Succumbs in N. Y.

NEW YORK, June 12.—Jean Webster, the author, wife of Glenn Ford McKinney, a New York lawyer, died at her home here last night. A daughter was born to Mrs. McKinney yesterday.

Jean Webster probably was best known as the author of "Daddy Longlegs." She was born at Fredonia, N. Y., July 24, 1876. She was graduated from Vassar in 1901. After which she lived for a number of years in Italy. She gained her first fame as the author of stories for girls.

MEN HELD AS SLAVERS TRUE FRIENDS OF GIRL

Five Arrested on Suspicion When They Sheltered Her Get Glorious Acquittal

Magistrate Deltz today, in discharging five men whom he had previously held as "white slavers," took occasion to add to the reversal of his decision a compliment upon their honorable conduct, as revealed by the testimony of their supposed victim, and to declare that their arrest had been due to a mistake.

The men released were Apsey and Andrew Jomas, brothers, of 3324 North Camac street; Michael Baba and John Pera, of 2118 North Warnock street, and Joseph Abrha, of 1619 Columbia avenue. They had been accused of harboring Elizabeth Quimby, 14 years old, of 2039 North 11th street, and were arrested when District Detective Orndorff and a squad of policemen raided the Camac street house and found the girl there.

At today's hearing Elizabeth declared that she went to the house voluntarily and that the men, as well as all the Jomas family, had been kind to her. She said she had been ordered from home by her stepmother because she disobeyed her in a trivial matter. For two weeks she had worked at domestic service and in a mill, but having no place to sleep while at the latter job, had inquired of a cousin of the Jomas brothers, who worked in the factory.

Abrha, she said, took her to the house and paid her board for a week, until she could get money from her wages to reimburse him. Mrs. Apsey Tomas, wife of one of the defendants, corroborated this statement, while the girl herself, declared the men's conduct toward her had always been honorable. A report from the House of Detention confirmed the girl's story.

Magistrate Deltz committed Elizabeth to the custody of the Juvenile Court, declaring that the men had done a commendable thing in sheltering her after she had been found walking the streets, and that it was unfortunate that the first aspect of the case laid them open to suspicion of wrong motives.



Hear the New Hawaiian Orchestra AT the Garden on the Roof 300 feet above the street Hotel Adelphia The gathering place for men of affairs and women of fashion Cozy and comfortable in any weather DANSANT Perfect Cuisine and Service Open From Noon Till 1 A. M.

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CITY WATER PLANTS TO BE ELECTRIFIED

Chief Davis Opens Estimates for Apparatus for Shawmont and Roxborough Pumping Stations

The first step toward the electrification of the city's water supply system was taken today, when Chief Charlton E. Davis, of the Bureau of Water, received and opened estimates for electrical apparatus to be installed at the Shawmont and Roxborough pumping stations. The bids were on units, and it is estimated that the equipment will cost approximately \$90,000.

Contracts for the work will be let before the end of the week, and it is planned to have the Shawmont station fully electrified by fall.

The Shawmont and Roxborough stations are at present operated by steam power, and this is also used to force its water to the Roxborough filter beds. The daily water supply of Germantown and Chestnut Hill is dependent upon these stations, and there is but a single pipe line now in service.

The improvement plans call for the replacement of three 12,000-gallon steam-driven centrifugal pumps with three electrical pumps of a somewhat increased capacity. The installation of electrical apparatus will automatically work the release of one of the pipes now running between the Roxborough high-pressure pumping station and the Roxborough filters, as it will, under changes planned, be no longer needed for raw water and can be used for the filtered product.

A number of Eastern cities, including Baltimore and Buffalo, obtain their water supply electrically, but this is the first time the change in driving power has ever been attempted at any of the local pumping stations or plants.

THINK AGED MAN ENDED LIFE

Park Laborer Hanged With Necktie Twisted About Neck

The body of John Crothers, a rigger, 70 years old, was found today in his room in a boarding house at 5289 Jefferson street, and the police of the 51st and Thompson streets station are working on the theory that he committed suicide.

Crothers, because of his advanced age, had been obliged to work as a laborer in Fairmount Park. He had two sons and two daughters, all married.

When Crothers did not respond to a call this morning, George Denny, proprietor of the boarding house, entered his room. He found the man's body hanging from the top of the door, a necktie twisted around the neck.

Youth Found Injured

George Michael, 24 years old, of 4711 Edmund street, was taken to the Frankford Hospital last night suffering from internal injuries received while in the company of companions on Saturday night. Occupants of the house heard his groans and found him in his room. He was taken to the hospital, where it is said he will recover.

J. E. Caldwell & Co. 902 Chestnut Street Dutch Silver Wine and Cordial Sets In Quaint Designs

THRESHER BROS. 1322 Chestnut St. Mail orders promptly filled

Annual June Clearance Sale

All broken assortments and remnants will be closed out at this time, as well as many regular lines that will be priced at absolute cost in this our Annual June Clearance Sale. We mention below but a few of the many values offered.

- Silk Remnants Double-width remnants, lengths from one yard up. Usual retail price from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per yard. (Quantities limited to each customer. No mail orders on remnants.) All at 50c yd. 36-in. imported white habutai wash silk. Made in Japan on hand looms. Retail value 65c yd. Sale price 45c yd. 27-in. imported black waterproof India silk. Retail value 50c. Sale price 38c yd. 26-in. imported hand woven Chinese shantung pongee (natural color only). Retail value 50c. Sale price 28c yd. 33-in. imported hand woven Chinese shantung pongee wash silk (natural color only). Retail value 85c. Sale price 58c yd. 32-in. striped tub silk, in all the wanted color combinations. An excellent quality for waists, dresses and men's shirts. Retail value \$1.25. Sale price 95c yd. 23-in. showerproof foulards, in a good line of colors. The quality that is sold in the best department stores at 85c a yd. Sale price 45c yd. 36-in. chiffon taffeta, in a line of colors, also white and black. Retail value \$1.60. Sale price \$1.15 yd.

- Waists Plain and novelty voile waists, new frill styles. Special at \$1.95 Lawn and voile waists, daintily embroidered and lace-trimmed. Retail value \$5.50. Special at \$2.95 Odd lot of Georgette and radium lace waists. Retail value up to \$7.50. Special at \$3.95 Silk Petticoats Satin messaline petticoats, in a splendid line of colors, also black taffeta. Retail value \$4.50. Special at \$2.95 Black and colored messaline and taffeta silk petticoats, with tucked and plaited flounces. Retail value \$5.50. Special at \$3.95

Kimonos New models in cotton crepe Kimonos; many beautiful designs and styles. Retail value \$2.50. Special at \$1.35

THRESHER BUILDING 1322 Chestnut St. Boston Store, 46 Temple Place

Perry & Co. This Monday Morning started the Season's Final INTENSIFIED VALUE SALE for this week only featuring about 1800 Suits of standard \$25, \$22.50 and \$20 fabrics at the Uniform Price of \$15

If there were no war, if times were normal, the undoubted \$25, \$22.50 and \$20 quality of these Suits now sold in this Intensified Value Sale at \$15 would be wonderful; when you consider the rising prices of all materials, plus the positive scarcity of goods, it is amazing!

It took some sleuthing around to get the fabrics, but we ferreted out a few bolt ends here, a few piece remnants there, used up many ends left of the identical cloth which we put into our own \$25, \$22.50 and \$20 Spring and Summer Suits this season. Summer serges, plain and fancy worsteds, novelty cassimeres, Oxford mixtures; a colorful assortment of soft, indistinct patterns in checks and plaids; broad and narrow stripes on brown, blue, gray, green!

Cut over our latest Pleated-back and plain-back models, in two-piece and three-piece Suits, some half-lined, some skeletonized with silk trimming; with lapel variety, pocket variety, line variety to meet every taste prevailing this season!

We confidently predicted that the buying in each of our previous Intensified Value Sales would grow daily in intensity, and each time the event justified the expectations. This sale will be no exception, for these Values are and will be the wonder of the trade, the surprise of every one who sees and handles them!

The Suits sold the first day and the second will advertise their amazing values and send men here by the hundred to secure early choice of these Suits of undoubted \$25, \$22.50 and \$20 quality fabrics for the—

Uniform Price of \$15 PERRY & CO. "N. B. T." 16th & Chestnut Sts.

For a Perfect Bath LLEWELLYN'S 1118 Chestnut Street

Tan Russia \$7.50 OR Black Calf-- A shoe for the man who exercises good judgment as well as good taste. Steigerwalt 1420 Chestnut St. "where only the best is good enough."